(छ) क्या सरकार द्वारा ऐसे चैनलों की समय समय पर समीक्षा की जा रही है?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री एस. जयपाल रेड्डी) : (क) फिलहाल कोई, भारतीय प्रसारण अधिनियम नहीं है ।

(ख) से (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

(घ) और (छ) देश के बाहर से अपलिंक किए जाने वाले विदेशी उपग्रह टी. वी. चैनलों को विनियमित करने के लिए वर्तमान में कोई प्रभावी कानून नहीं है । प्रसारण विधेयक, 1997 जिसमें अन्य बातों के साथ साथ इन टी.वी. चैनलों के विनियमन का प्रावधान है, को 16.5.97 को संसद् में प्रस्तुत कर किया गया है और यह इस समय संयुक्त संसदीय समिति के विचाराधीन है ।

Voters photo identity cards

2299. SHRI JAYANT KUMAR MALHOTRA:

SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the issue of voters identity cards on the recommendation of the Election Commission has been completed in all States;

(b) if so, the details thereof including expenditure involved and the infrastructure required therefor;

(c) if not, the details of States which have either not introduced this system or have objected for its introduction in their respective States; and

(d) in what way Government propose to tackle the issue in the national interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) None of the States has objected to the implemention of the scheme. The scheme is at different stages of implementation in all the States except the States of Jammu and Kashmir where it has not been introduced.

(d) The Election Commission is constantly reviewing the progress made by the State Governments in implementation of the scheme and, for that purpose, Chief Electoral Officers send regular fortnightly reports to the Commission.

Pending cases in original jurisdiction of Supreme Court

2300. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) how many civil/criminal cases so far pending in the original jurisdiction of Supreme Court as on 30th June, 1997;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to clear the backlog of pending cases and do justice to the aggrieved parties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) The pendency of cases in the Original Jurisdiction of Supreme Court as on 30.6.1997 was as follows: